

## Resolution Regarding A Voluntary Lead Program

WHEREAS, the City is enacting legislation to address the issue of lead paint poisoning in Rochester, and

WHEREAS, that legislation will utilize the Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) inspection process as the basic structure to enforce the new regulations, and

WHEREAS, single-family owner-occupied homes are not covered by the C of O process, and

WHEREAS, it will be important to create a mechanism for the owners of such properties to become familiar with the potential hazards of lead poisoning and to take steps to prevent them, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a voluntary program for such properties would be an appropriate and effective means of addressing this significant segment of the City's housing market, and

WHEREAS, funds are currently available through the Federal government to address lead paint issues in such homes where the owner is income eligible, and

WHEREAS, establishing a database of such properties that have been treated to remediate or abate lead paint would be a useful tool to potential homebuyers.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby requested to establish, during 2006, a voluntary program for single-family owner-occupied properties to encourage the remediation or abatement of lead hazards in those properties.

Section 2. The program shall include a database that will be available through the City's Web Site to catalog the properties that have been made lead safe or lead free.

Section 3. A report shall be submitted to Council by the first quarter of 2007 to describe the program and to detail an implementation schedule.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.